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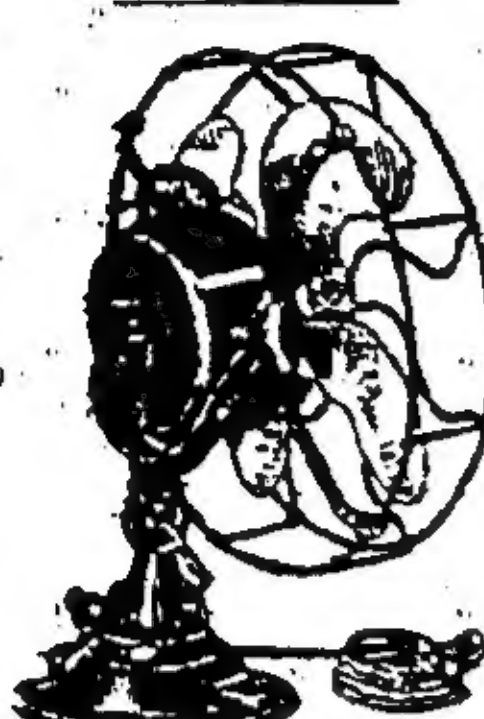
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REPARATIONS PROBLEM.

GERMANY GIVEN EIGHT MORE DAYS.

FRANCE MOBILES TO MORROW.

LONDON, May 1.

The Supreme Council met this morning at No. 10 Downing Street but adjourned until this afternoon as the report of the financial experts was not ready.

PARIS, May 1.

The newspapers unanimously protest against sending another ultimatum to Germany. M. Poincare, writing to the *Matin*, expresses the opinion that there has been enough talk. The Allies must now take guarantees without the least hesitation or endanger the future.

LONDON, May 1.

At the afternoon meeting of the Supreme Council, the Belgian Foreign Minister, M. Jaspar, outlined a scheme with a view to reconciling the Allies' divergent ideas. Decision on this scheme was deferred. The Council adjourned after an hour until the morning when it will hear new proposals on which it is believed the Allied experts report unanimously.

FRANCE NOT BELLICOSE.

LONDON, May 10.

M. Briand, interviewed by Renter, expressed stupefaction and sadness at British press suggestions that France is bellicose which is absolutely untrue. He recalled France's patience and endurance since the armistice as an example of her pacific desires.

Subsequent to the Supreme Council's afternoon adjournment, the British Cabinet met and decided to request that M. Jaspar's project be put into draft form. A drafting committee consisting of Lord Curzon, M. Briand, Signor Stora, M. Jaspar, and Baron Hayashi thereupon met. It sat for an hour and a half and then adjourned until the morning. The Supreme Council meeting has consequently been deferred until mid-day to-morrow.

A DRAMATIC DECLARATION.

LONDON, May 2.

In spite of the fact that unanimity is incomplete as regards methods the Supreme Council discussions were marked by a lot of friendly banter. For example at one point Mr. Lloyd George told M. Briand that he was a master at finessing. "Ah, retorted M. Briand, 'mon cher Lloyd George, it only shows that I have been much in your company'."

The French mobilization began on May 2 and M. Briand declared that it was within eight days, namely the time necessary for Germany to reply to Mr. Lloyd George's fresh ultimatum and for the completion of French preparations, the Germans produce fresh proposals they will be considered, but Germany must accept unreservedly both the figures and methods of payment settled by the Reparations Commission. Even then the German proposals would be considered only if guaranteed by securities giving satisfaction to Germany's creditors, namely Allied supervision of the German debt and customs and a percentage on German industrial exploitation. M. Briand dramatically concluded: "I have got my back to the wall and cannot act otherwise."—Meanwhile it is understood that the French Army will be absolutely ready to move within a fortnight.

OPINION IN DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES.

Reuter learns that under M. Jaspar's plan France will be permitted to continue preparations for the application of the sanctions in view of Germany's failures to carry out the treaty, and British public opinion favouring a brief period of grace will at the same time be satisfied. Mr. Lloyd George has not rejected M. Jaspar's proposals but is unwilling definitely to answer them until he has consulted the Cabinet ministers who would immediately meet. Now it seems that opinion in Allied diplomatic circles is tending in favour (1) of the preparation and presentation of terms to the Germans, (2) of immediate preparations for enforcement if Germany does not agree or does not provide guarantees, and (3) the taking of immediate steps for enforcement after the conclusion of an ultimatum with a short time limit.

WHAT WILL AMERICA DO?

It was suggested that Germany shall pay £100,000,000 annually, also a 25 per cent. tax on exports. The latter method, however, is criticised on the ground that British and other consumers would really be paying it. It is declared that Berlin is determined not to yield to the demands. It is said that the temper of the Germans is indicated by the press which is emphasising protests against "lies about German war guilt," but it is believed that this may be largely bluff preparatory to an eleventh hour climb down. It is stated that behind Mr. Lloyd George's insistence for an ultimatum lies the hope that America yet may decide to take a hand in settling the problem which it is opined cannot be settled without her. It was reported yesterday that the Government had heard unofficially from America that Washington was contemplating a return to full co-operation with the Allies including membership of the Reparations Commission. Hence it seems there are reasonable grounds not to prejudice any possibility of such a reunion by the French penalties which might check any American impulse actively to re-enter the affairs of Europe.

NEW AMERICAN AMBASSADOR.

COLONEL HARVEY NOT ANTI-BRITISH.

LONDON, May 2.

A farewell dinner in New York to Colonel Harvey, the new ambassador to Britain, an appointment which critics declared was made on account of his anti-English feelings revealed Colonel Harvey in an encouraging light. He said that President Wilson offered him the ambassadorship. In fact he refuted the claims of the above critics. Further he was confident that President Harding's genius for co-operation which had won the hearts of his own people was destined to draw the entire English-speaking race into a harmonious relationship practically perfect both materially and spiritually. Mr. Hodges, the well known lawyer, humorously urged Colonel Harvey to go slow on "this hands across the sea business" because it had been everywhere all round since it had been taken for granted that anyone trying to make trouble between America and England was our common enemy.

THE DOLLAR.

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SIR JAMES LOCKHART.

A NOTABLE VISITOR.

SHANGHAI TRIBUNE.

Sir James Lockhart, retiring Commissioner of Wei-hai-wei who is paying a brief visit to the Colony before returning home, is, with Lady Lockhart, being entertained at tea at the Hongkong Hotel this afternoon by the Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak and a number of other Chinese friends.

In the course of a leader, the *Shanghai Times* says:—The career of Sir James Stewart Lockhart, K.C.M.G., has not only been one of the most lengthy ever held by a British civil servant in the Far East but it has been very distinguished in many respects. The work he has done has been accomplished in a quiet, unostentatious manner, in keeping with the temperament of the man. It has, as we have stated, been none the less of great value to his country and, we venture to say, to the Chinese themselves, who have always held him in the very highest respect. The Chinese are pretty alert in the matter of psychology and very accurate in their estimation of men of the West as well as the men of the East. They early gauged Sir James at his true worth, recognised in him one who was genuinely and deeply interested in their welfare as well as being concerned in maintaining the high prestige attached to his position as a British official of a high order. Sir James, it will be remembered, entered upon his duties at Wei-hai-wei at a time of peculiar difficulty and that he has succeeded in the manner he has in itself a striking tribute to his ability no less than to his sagacity in dealing with a task that called for a very considerable display of tact, which is the essence of sound diplomacy. That the British Government were fully aware of Sir James' worth is evident no less by the fact that he was appointed to the difficult position in the North from a comparatively humble one he held in the Hongkong Civil Service. In the southern Colony, though it is now some twenty years since Sir James last officiated there, his name is still held in high esteem as that of a conscientious and able official. On at least two occasions he was honoured by the King and several times received proofs both of the high value his countrymen and the Chinese placed not only upon his great ability as an official but as a man of character and real worth. He was and is also deservedly recognised as an authority regarding the Chinese language and literature and his work in that respect deservedly merits high commendation. In his retirement, Sir James will carry with him a measure of affectionate esteem as has seldom been held to the same extent in similar circumstances: and the hope will be generally felt that he and Lady Lockhart have many years of happy life before them in the Homeland.

LOCAL WEDDING.

SMITH—TENNEY.

Mr. Clarence E. Smith, of the Asia Banking Corporation, was married on Saturday evening at the residence of Mr. D. M. Biggar, manager of the Bank, to Miss Janet Tenney who arrived in the Colony by the China Mail s.s. "China." The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. J. Weeks, of Canton.

The bride, who was given away by Mr. D. M. Biggar, was attended by Mrs. D. M. Biggar as matron of honour. The bride wore a charming white embroidered dress and Mrs. Biggar a becoming costume of rose tulle.

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THE YAP DISPUTE.

TOKYO PRESS COMMENT.

A RELATED PROTEST.

Tokyo, April 20.—The publication
of the correspondence between Japan
and the United States regarding the
Island of Yap appears to have served
the public in good stead in clearing
misapprehensions as well as impres-
sion on them plainly the real position
of things. Today, all the newspapers
here, in the course of leading articles,
comment upon this subject, appreciat-
ing the attitude of the Japanese
Government in trying to refer such
a difficult international question to
the judgment of public opinion.

Summing up the substance of the
newspaper comments they regard it
as rather curious that the ground
taken by the United States for her
protest is too shaky and the entire
press strongly supports the attitude
of the Japanese Government.

U. S. CONTENTION UNFAIR.

The *Jiji Shimpō* deals with the
question in the following terms:—
"The refutation (sic) of the Imperial
Government of Japan is thoroughly
expressed in her Note addressed to
the Washington Government dated
February 26, which pointed out the
decided unreasonableness of the con-
tention of the U. S. Government. Any-
one reading the Note in question,
must have understood the distinct
meaning of the argument and the
obvious reasons for the assertion
of the Japanese Government, and
at the same time, must have ad-
mitted that the protest of the U. S.
Government does not rest on any
possible basis. As a matter of fact
the argument of the Japanese Gov-
ernment is so perfect as a diplomatic
document that whoever is so pre-
judiced as to plead in behalf of the
United States can find no words to
gainsay the fact. As was expected,
the U. S. Government, in its protest
dated April 5, no longer touched
upon the reason for the reservation
which was the original ground taken
by the U. S. Government, but it
demanded its share as a member of
the victorious Powers, and at the
same time, declined to ratify the
Versailles Treaty. Moreover, with
regard to the Island of Yap, the U. S.
Government attempted to support its
protest, refusing to acknowledge
Japan's right of sovereignty over
the Island, on the ground
that the United States had not
concluded any treaty regarding
Yap Island. If argument of this sort
should be persistently insisted upon,
the rights and concessions secured
by the Powers from Germany
would be struck at their very
root—an untenable assertion
as a matter of course.
It may fairly be said that the U. S.
Government was too audacious when
it demanded such rights and interests
as best corresponded with its own
convenience quite irrespective of the

embarrassment of others. The
publication of the correspondence
between the two countries will have,
it is to be hoped, tended greatly to
impress the people of the United
States that the contention of
their Government is far from just
and reasonable. It may be taken for
granted in this connection that, sec-
ondarily, the importance of the
Island of Yap to the United States
and perceiving it greatly disadvan-
taged to give Japan exclusive
jurisdiction over the Island, the
United States has at last decided to
cede a protest simply because she
wants to enjoy some advantage with
the consequence that the basis of her
argument lacks in cogency.

U. S. PROTEST TOO LAZE.

The Tokyo, *Nichi Nichi* com-
ments as follows:—Following the
announcement made by the Imperial
Government of Japan to the effect
that if the United States had had
any objection to the decision reached
at the Supreme Council of May 7,
1919, she should have protested
against it at once, the United States
Government maintained that it was
not the United States' duty to enter
any protest at once, but, in our
opinion, such a move was not her
duty but rather her right. In other
words, the plenipotentiary of the
United States present at the Supreme
Council neglected to set forth his
proper rights. Though the matter
concerns the United States and her
people, the fact that a question al-
ready settled should be once again
put forward cannot but cause Japan
to feel much annoyed.

PROCEDURE QUITE REGULAR.

The *Yomiuri Shimbun* writes to
the following effect:—"From the
view-point of law, we cannot help
supporting the assertion of the
Japanese Government. It will be
remembered that Mr. Woodrow
Wilson attended the Supreme Council
from the start and was a member
of the council that was authorized
to decide mandatory administration.
No matter whether the decision was
made according to the vote of the
majority or not, inasmuch as the sub-
ject was definitely settled in ac-
cordance with the regular mode of
procedure, it is needless to say that
the objection made prior (7) to the
decision cannot throw out the deci-
sion in question, and the decision
therefore should be regarded as a
proper procedure. Hence, whether
the United States approves of it or
not is a thing with which we have
nothing to do."

AN EMBARRASSING CONTROVERSY.

The Tokyo *Asahi* says:—"Judg-
ing by the fact that the United
States failed to record clearly her
protest in the documents drawn up
at the Supreme Council of May 7,
1919, it should be taken for granted
that she had either withdrawn her
contention of her own accord, or
that it had at last ended in failure.
In fact, in November of last year,
Great Britain and France, in reply

BANKS AND PUBLICITY.

WHAT IS A BANK?

QUESTION FOR PARLIAMENT.

The question: "What is a bank?"
has yet to be determined by Parlia-
ment, and it remains to be seen
whether our legislators will tackle it
and put on the Statutes a ruling that
will in future settle it once and
for all. Meantime our big banks
might consider whether they engage
sufficient publicity to make known
their presence, and what they are
prepared to do for customers. There
is still a vast public that has no
acquaintance with a bank, and a
good proportion of bank customers
who would be astonished at the
multitudinous services offered them
if their attention was directed to
same.

It might be argued that banks, as
a whole, are prosperous undertakings
and do not need to seek greater
publicity. As to their prosperity,
that is well known, and it was prob-
ably never greater than at the pre-
sent time; but they cannot afford to
sit still any more than any other
business enterprise, and they could
develop many branches of their
business considerably. We do not
mean that they should engage in
any hazardous enterprise such as
is frequently suggested by those
who have no real knowledge of
the functions of a banker,
but that the many "side lines"
they conduct should be developed,
and, of course, this can only be done
by letting their customers and the
public know what these are.

Every half year of course, custo-
mers of banks receive certain litera-
ture which advertises all their facili-
ties, but assuming a large proportion
assimilate this, there is still the vast
public that knows nothing of them,
or only occasionally have their attention
drawn to the usefulness of the in-
stitutions. A well-defined publicity
campaign that never ceases during
the whole of the year is what is
required. *Evening Standard.*

to the Note of the United States,
made a very clear declaration to the
same effect. It is therefore, most
unreasonable for the United States
to embarrass other countries with
such an untenable controversy.
Viewed from any angle, we find it
extremely difficult to discover the
reason why Japan should withdraw
her assertion."

Finally, the *Chugai Shogyo* points
out that the Peace Treaty is so
framed as to become valid subject
to ratification on the part of all
Powers concerned and that the United
States, taking advantage of her
tremendous national power, is at-
tempting to make a high-handed pro-
test—and has to ignore international
fidelity—a wrong for great regret.

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MARRIAGE.

KEATS-MARTYN.—On April 20, 1921, at Shanghai, Walter Osborne Keats of Plymouth, and Helen Ada Smith Martyn, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Smith Martyn of Bedford.

DEATH.

JOVINO.—On April 25, 1921, at Shanghai, Maria Christina, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Jovino, aged 48 days.

The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE"

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MAY 2, 1921.

OUR GOVERNOR'S ERRAND.

The plot thickens. The precipitate expedition of His Excellency Sir R. E. Stubbs to North China, at a time when ordinarily he would be least expected to leave the Colony, could not but cause much gossip, speculation, and guesses touching the object of it. He has been credited with all kinds of high enterprises, political, diplomatic, international, from assisting to make peace between Peking and Canton to adding to the area of the British Empire. So far as China's domestic politics are concerned, we may count him out. It is not even plausible to suggest that our Governor could do any good by meddling with China's own affairs, that he would be permitted to do so, or that he would think of trying. China's internal dissensions can be repaired only by Chinese. Foreign intervention of any kind, however benevolent or friendly, would be misunderstood and aggravate the trouble. Sir Robert Ho Tung, as a Chinese, though a British subject, could with more propriety shove in his oar, and

we have no doubt that he will be doing anything he can.

Just as the coincidental departure northward of the Governor and Sir Robert Ho Tung inspired the quidnuncs, so now the contemporaneous retirement from Weihaiwei of Sir James Stewart Lockhart, and his arrival here, has set them to tracing a connection. It would seem reasonable to expect that if the Governor's errand really had anything to do with the future administration of Weihaiwei, the administrator of it for nineteen years would be unlikely to travel south just when His Excellency travelled north. Nor does it appear likely that the mooted transference to China of Weihaiwei (which we held "for so long a period as Port Arthur should remain in Russian hands"), even if it were coming true at last, would require the attendance and attention of the Governor of Hongkong, any more than it would involve the presence of the President of the Shanghai Municipal Council. As his Excellency's journey north, rather than Sir James Lockhart's journey south, is the occasion of the retrospection being mooted at all (some dozen years after the time proper for retrospection) we may as well dismiss it from our minds. A united China might ask for it, especially after coming to terms with Japan for the return of Kiaochau; but until there is a united China, and until Japan has handed Kiaochau back, we suppose that Weihaiwei is likely to remain in British hands.

Another guess was that the proposed highway from Kowloon to Canton was the object of His Excellency's visit to Peking. The objection to that is that the area proposed to be roaded does not seem at present to be in the jurisdiction of Peking. The Canton President, rather than the Peking one, would have seemed entitled to first approaches. Besides, the precedent of personal negotiation by the Chief Executive would be so

admirable that we hardly dare to entertain it as a thing likely, even for a piece of business so important. There remains the guess that His Excellency has gone to secure for the British Empire the addition to this Colony, "in exchange for Weihaiwei," of that part of Kwangtung which lies south of East River and Shenlung. Again the objection applies. It would be so objectionable and improper, with the present state of affairs in China, for anyone to bargain with the Northern Government for Southern territory, that we cannot for a moment believe it would be attempted. That is to ignore the fact that in any case such negotiations are diplomatic, the peculiar function of His Majesty's Minister, and not gubernatorial.

Sometimes a great deal of mental energy is wasted by beating about a bush in which no quarry is—while all the time the quarry is in plain sight and in the open. It is not possible that Sir R. E. Stubbs went north because the weather was getting too warm down here?

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A clean bill of health was returned for the Colony on Saturday.

It is proposed to build a motor road, at a cost of \$150,000, from Shekling to the foot of the Loh Fo hills, a popular near-by scenic summer resort.

By the P. & O. S. "Souda," which left yesterday morning, Mr. H. P. Wilkinson, Crown Advocate, and Judge of H. M. Court at Weihaiwei, left for Home, accompanied by Mrs. Wilkinson and the children.

Charged with the theft of 2 lbs. of copper, the property of the Tramway Co., a Chinese employed on repair work on the lines at East Point, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to four weeks' hard labour, by Magistrate Lindsell this morning.

A delegation of Chinese railway experts left Shanghai for Montreal by the R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" to study the Canadian Pacific Railway system. The Chinese delegation from Manila who are bound for Washington to fight against the law in Manila requiring all foreign nationals to keep accounts and books in English left Shanghai by the same steamer.

Captain S. J. G. Parsons, formerly of the N.Y.K., is in command of the ex-German liner "Normania," one of the steamers handed over to the Japanese under the terms of the Peace Treaty. Captain Parsons is very well-known throughout the East, and will be remembered as one of the most popular captains sailing to these ports. During the war he served with the Grand Fleet from 1914 to 1918.

The results of Pitman's Short-hand Examinations held lately at the Italian Convent are as follows:—Speed: (80 words), Misses Vida Williams, Edwina Rodgers, Elizabeth Ward, Agnes Fung, Mollie Rahman, Lina Rosa, Annie Cordeiro and Laura Santos. Theory: Misses Doris Smith, Ruby Kong, Anna Lye, Mabel J. Gittins, Emilia Figueiredo, Emma Parras, Margaret Kent, Stella Neves, Lena Choa, Natalia Alvares, Augusta Alvares, Beatrice Santos.

Interport games of lawn bowls with Shanghai visiting Hankow and Hongkong and several new cups to be contested for during the season of 1921 were forecasted at the annual general meeting of the Yangtseepoo Lawn Bowls Club. No programme of play during the coming season was given out but it was promised that lawn bowls would be made into one of the most popular sports of Shanghai in 1921. The newly elected committee will arrange for schedules of play.

Two Chinese were this morning charged before Magistrate Lindsell with the unlawful possession of 800 "Sparrow" brand cigarettes, on which duty had not been paid. The first defendant was seen on Saturday evening leaving the s.s. "Satan" with a tin in his possession. He was suspected and followed by a Chinese revenue officer to the second defendant's shop where on examination the tin was found to contain dutiable cigarettes. The coffee was fined \$35 and the shopmaster \$100. The cigarettes were confiscated.

We are informed by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation that they have received a telegram, dated April 25, from their London Office that on or before May 23 applications will be received for New 3½ per cent. Conversion Loan redeemable 1921, into which National War Bonds maturing on or before September 1, 1925, may be converted as follows:—
\$183 for \$100 National War Bonds 1922.
\$182 for \$100 do. 1923.
\$181 for \$100 do. 1924.
\$180 for \$100 do. 1925.
This loan will not be free of Income Tax to residents abroad, issue of Treasury Bonds will be discontinued at the end of this week.—ADVT.

"EASILY DONE."

SHIPS & BOG BROACHED.

SIX SEAMEN SENT TO JAIL.

James Marshall, Walter Daly, Thomas Carron, Joseph Mackin and William Fielder, members of the crew of the Blue Funnel s.s. "Pyrrhus," were this morning charged before Magistrate Orme with the theft on board the ship between Kobe and Hongkong, of four rolls of cotton shirting, six rolls of grey suiting, six rolls of white dock, six rolls of plush, 21 pieces of satin lining, 34 bars of soap and one tin of preserved peaches, valued together at £130, part of the ship's cargo.

All the defendants pleaded "guilty" in respect of the articles found in their respective rooms. Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, who presided for Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, agents of the ship, said that he had been instructed to press for a severe penalty in view of the fact that cargo broaching was becoming very frequent, and the company had lost hundreds of pounds worth of property.

Asked what he had to say before sentence was passed, Marshall said that he could say nothing except that the thing was easily done. There was a certain percentage of the temptation.

Daly, a 19-year old lad, said that he had been out of employment for six months before he joined the "Pyrrhus." During that time he had contracted debts, and he stole the property to raise money to clear himself.

Carron asked that in view of the fact that he had a wife and family at home, the Magistrate would be lenient with him and if possible impose a fine instead of sending him to jail.

In the present unsettled state of the country (England) with thousands of people unemployed, a woman had no means of finding a livelihood, and if he were locked up his wife would get no money during the time he was away. She might be driven to all sorts of things.

Mackin who said that he too was a married man, made a similar plea. Fielder said that he had nothing to say.

The Magistrate said that he did not think it worth while to give the defendants the option of a fine as in such cases it would necessarily be heavy and they would not be able to pay it. A ship employed European seamen to make trips to the East because it was thought they could be trusted and it was hoped they would be examples to the Chinese. When the most disappointed this hope and took advantage of the trust placed on them, a very serious view must be taken of the case. He would sentence them to two months' hard labour each.

A LESS SERIOUS CASE.

John Fitzpatrick, a seaman from the s.s. "Antiochus," another Blue Funnel steamer, was next charged with the theft of an umbrella, part of the ship's cargo. The defendant denied the offence. Capt. McHutchon said that on April 18, while the vessel was at Yokohama, a stevedore's coolie was found in possession of the umbrella. When handed over to the police he gave them certain information. On the morning of the 19th, the defendant told the chief officer that he had sold the umbrella to the coolie. The matter was reported to witness and he entered the defendant's confession in the log book which the defendant signed.

The defendant said that he found the umbrella under the steam pipe casing on deck, behind the steering rod. As it was a bit soiled he cleaned it and hung it up in the wash house. That day, a missionary lady on board invited the whole crew ashore to a concert. Having no money for sampan hire he sold the umbrella to the coolie for two yen, ignorant that it was part of the ship's cargo. As the result of information given by the coolie, he was taken to the station where he explained everything to the Inspector who detained him for an hour, and then discharged him with a caution. When he returned to the ship he volunteered a statement to the chief officer who in turn entered it in the log and defendant signed the log because he did not want to cause any trouble on board. He did not know at the time that there would be Court proceedings.

While admitting that there was no evidence of the actual theft of the umbrella, Mr. Tinson said that the defendant should have known that it was part of the ship's cargo. In any case he had no right to possess it and should have handed it over to an officer as soon as he found it.

The Magistrate said that this was a different case from the other where several men combined together to rob the ship, he would therefore treat the defendant more leniently and sentence him to 21 days' hard labour.

About 5.25 p.m. yesterday, the 8-year old daughter of the mistress of a fishing boat was crossing the road at Aberdeen when she was run into by motor car No. 26. Fortunately she received only slight injury, and did not require medical attention. The woman was satisfied that the mishap was an accident and said she did not wish to proceed against the driver of the car.

SAIYINGPUN SCHOOL.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The annual prize distribution of Saiyingpun School was held this morning in the school hall which had been prettily decorated for the occasion. Mr. Ho Kom Tung distributed the prizes to the successful scholars. Among the visitors present were Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of Schools, Mr. N. Teesdale Mackintosh, Registrar of Hongkong University, and Professors Hinton and Forster, Capt. Hall, Mr. H. R. Wells, and the Rev. Dr. T. W. Pearce.

The report of the Inspector of English Schools for last year follows:—The maximum enrolment was 340 (370 in 1919), and the average attendance 314 (334 in 1919).

Mr. Hamilton acted as Head Master during the greater part of the year. The School has been full throughout the year, and only about one-third of those who applied for admission could be accommodated. As a result of the further application of the rule limiting the number of pupils in a class to 30, the average attendance is slightly below that of the previous year. The attendance is regular, and 31 boys made every possible attendance. The discipline and tone of the School continue excellent. Handwriting throughout the School continues to merit special praise; at a recent "Vere Foster's International Writing Competition" one pupil from this School sent in a copy which was adjudged to be "of conspicuous merit and deserving of special commendation," and was ranked fourth. Map drawing is particularly good. Useful additions to the general equipment of the School have been made: these include 100 volumes for the library, material for the sports section and various series of pictures for conversational and decorative purposes. Most of this was personally selected by the Head Master when on leave in England.

In sports the School has held its own. Football, volley-ball, and swimming are the favourite recreations.

Amongst the graduates at the local University upon whom degrees were conferred at the recent congregation two were former pupils of this School, namely Messrs. Wong To On and Fok Wing Nan. The School is now the recognised practising school for the University and three students in training are in constant attendance.

DONORS OF SPECIAL PRIZES.

The following gentlemen donated special prizes.—Captain Hall, Messrs. Kwok Si Lau, Ip Sau Chi, Ho Ki, Ho Wing, Ho Lu, Ho Cheuk, Ho Leung, Choy Hing, Yeung Hing Sheng, Young Chung Kam, Li Ping and Ying Wah Book Shop.

PRIZE LIST.

Scholarships.—Class 4A.—Yau Fung Hon (Alan Morris), Ng Po Lau (Govt. full Scholarship), Lau Pak Wa (Govt. full Scholarship), Chau Ping Kwan (Govt. full Scholarship), Pan Sai Fong (Govt. half Scholarship).
Class 5.—Cheng Yu Mar (Ho Kom Tung Scholarship), and Tsoi O. Fun (Govt. Scholarship).
Class 6.—U Kam Chuen (Ralphs Scholarship).
Class 7.—Ling Wai Lun (Govt. scholarship).
Class 8.—Li Po (Mok Kon Sang Scholarship) and Ho Pak Choi (Govt. Scholarship).

Annual Examination.—1, Lam, Tam Yan (5A), and 2, Ko Shun Him (5A); 1, Lo King Ho (6), and 2, Ip Tai Ki (6); and 1, Wong Ni Hing (6A) and 2, Tong Kwai Fong (6A); 1, Fong Kui Kwong (7A), and 2, Leung Chan Kong (7A); 1, Ho Pak Choi (8), and 2, Kwok Tak Yuen (8).

Terminal Examinations.—1, Wong Yan Wing (4B), and Lo Yung Kwong (4B); 1, Lo Pak Cheun (5A), and 2, Cheung Loi (5A); 1, Yeung Kin Fan (5A), and 2, Fong Man King (5A), and 3, Chai Kwong Wing (5A); 1, Lui Yin Cho (5A), and 2, Kwai Kwi (5A), and 3, Yeung Fung (5A); 1, Pong Kui Kwong (5B), and 2, Fong Man King (7A), and 3, Chan Wai Man (7A), and 4, Chai Kwok (7B); 1, Yeung Shun Pui (8A), and 2, Wong Shing Moon (8A).

Special Prizes.—Ma Ping Lit (Writing), Chui Yan Sing (map drawing), Sung Chun Wa (map drawing), Leung Pui Sum (map drawing), Leung Chan Kong (arithmetic), Ip Ching Yui (composition), Chan Mo Yan (composition), Fong King Cheung (colloquial), Wong Cho Kun (Composition), Mak Wing Him (arithmetic), and Teui Wai Leung (colloquial).

Diligence and Good Conduct.—Chan Ting Yan (4A), Lo Ping Fan (4B), Li Ka Wa (5A), So Chan Yau (5B), Lun Wai Ling (6), Lui Fung Tin (6), Tong Hon Ying (7), Wong Hing Ming (7).

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OUR FRENCH VISITORS.

ENTERTAINMENTS ARRANGED.

A big round of entertainments has been provided for the delectation of the officers and crew of the French cruiser "Montcalm," which is now in port and will, it is expected, remain here for several days. The Government and the naval authorities have co-operated in an endeavour to make their stay in Hongkong a thoroughly enjoyable one and our French visitors should find no lack of diversion.

Two thousand free tram tickets and 500 free tickets on the Peak tramway have been made available for use by the "Montcalm's" personnel and arrangements have also been made for free admission to the picture shows. The Government has arranged for French sailors in uniform to attend any of the performances at the Coronet Theatre and about 30 free seats have also been set aside at the Hongkong Theatre.

Accompanied by British naval officers who will act as their hosts, the officers of the "Montcalm" will make a trip around the Island on Wednesday afternoon when a half for tea will be made at Repulse Bay.

A special cinema performance is to take place at the Coronet Theatre at 2.15 p.m. on Thursday and afterwards an equal number of French and British sailors will be entertained at tea in the City Hall.

A NEW "S.O.S."

A new "S.O.S.," lending itself more readily to the action of the automatic calling device, will be proposed at the forthcoming International Wireless Conference. The Committee of the Chamber of Shipping is strongly of opinion that the present wireless regulations go far beyond what is necessary to secure safety of life.

Of the Panama Canal the report says that if its use by the ships of all nations is encouraged it cannot fail to be of the greatest value to the trade of the American continent and the rest of the world. Economic history, it is pointed out, shows that discrimination against the flags of other countries, in the shape of higher dues, can only have a detrimental effect on the commerce of the great communities of the American continent. One fears, however, that that lesson has not been fully learned yet.

At home, it is maintained, compulsory pilotage should be abolished except in ports, if there are any such, where "in the interests of shipping and navigation it is necessary to maintain an efficient pilotage service." The pilots of the United Kingdom are accused of having "introduced an element of selfishness which must prove injurious in the long run to their own interests as well as to those of the nation as a whole."

PASSENGER ROBBED.

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THEFT ON A STEAMER.

About 8 p.m. on Saturday, while a passenger was on board the s.s. "Hydrangea" he was robbed of a leather bag containing \$4,571 in money, a gold watch and chain with a gold coin as pendant and a locket, valued together at \$5,071.

This morning a Chinese was charged before Magistrate Orme with the unlawful possession of a dagger which it was alleged he intended to use in a fight pending between two hostile clans in Yau-mat. Sentence of four months' hard labour was passed. The weapon was confiscated.

(7A), Tai Yuk Kwan (8), Tang Cham Kwong (8), Ng Yuk Ming (8).

Attendance (Full).—Chan Ting Yan (5A), Lo Kam Tong (5A), Lo Kam Tong (5A), Ma Ping Lie (5A), Sung Chun Wa (5A), Lo Pak Cheun (5A), Leung Yui Cheung (5A), Chui Yan Sing (5A), Fung Chung Lan (5A), Wa King Tak (5A), Leung Mo Lu (5A), Tsoi Yau Cheung (7A), Mang-Woon Man (7A), Ho Yuen Pui (7A), Lau Yuk Ching (7A), Chung Yuk Lun (7A), Chu Yan Cheung (8A), Ko Shun Him (8A), Tung Hon Ying (8A), Ho Pak Choi (8A), Lo Kam Wa (8A), Ho Sun Pui (8A), Mok Tin Chan (8A), Lai Kam Shiu (8), Mok Kwai Yuen (8), Wong Man Fat (8), Tong Chik Sang (8), She Yung In (8), Cheuk Wa Wing (8), Li Yuk Sing (8), Chan Man Chui (7B), and San Yuk Pui (6A).

Vernacular Studies.—Annual Examination.—1, Yau Fung Hon (4A), and 2, Lau Pak Wa (4A), 1, Cheung Yu Mar (5A), and 2, Ko Shun Him (5A); 1, Ip Tai Ki (6), and 2, Lui Yin Cho (6); 2, Chai Ki Por (6A), and 2, Tse Ying Chung (6A); 1, Lum Wai Ling (7A), and 2, Tam Yan Kong (7A); 1, Li Po (8), and 2, Lau Ping Lam (8A); 1, Lok Cheung (4B), and 2, Wong Yan Wing (4B); 1, Ng Chung Cheung (5A), and 2, Fok Ni Lun (5B); 1, Lai Sing Fong (5B), and 2, Yeung Kin Fan (5B); 1, Fong Man King (5A), and 2, Leung Chak Chuen (7B); and 1, Chui Kwong Wing (8A), and 2, Chui King Wing (8A).

SHIP'S OFFICER ASSAULTED.

CHINESE SEAMEN CHARGED.

A Chinese boatswain and eleven Chinese seamen from the s.s. "Loe Sang" appeared at the Marine Court this morning before the Marine Magistrate (Lieut. Convey Habs, R.N.R.) to answer charges alleging that on Saturday last they disobeyed the lawful commands of the officer in charge of the vessel and unlawfully assaulted William W. Hopkins, the chief mate. In consequence of the inability of the complainant to appear in Court on account of his injuries, the accused all of whom pleaded not guilty, were remanded in custody for the space of a week.

ARMED ROBBERIES.

A SHOP HELD UP.

TWO MEN ARRESTED.

About 6.45 p.m. yesterday, while a shopkeeper living at No. 86, Fado Street, Samshui, was having a meal with his wife and Joke, six men, three armed with revolvers and another with a dagger, broke into the house. Having rounded up all the inmates and threatened them with death, the robbers stole from the wife a pair of gold mounted rattle bangles valued at \$30, and a ring valued at \$10. They then broke open a drawer in the counter and stole \$50 in money. They all escaped in the direction of Chergauwan. Later the police arrested one man who was identified by the shopkeeper and other witnesses as having taken part in the robbery.

An armed robbery is reported to have been attempted at No. 44, Wing-luk Street, when three men, one of whom was armed with a dagger, were alleged to have entered the first floor of the house at 6.45 p.m., yesterday, and held up the inmates while they were at a meal. A servant escaped to the kitchen and gave the alarm. The intruders made off without stealing anything. In the street they were chased by the police and one man was caught.

OPIUM SMUGGLING.

STEAMSHIP OWNERS FINED.

ANOTHER BIG HAUL.

On Saturday, the S.S. "Hing S.S. Co., owners of the "Chungking," were charged before Magistrate Orme with having allowed the vessel to be used to import non-Government opium into the Colony.

Revenue Officers, under Chief Preventive Officer Wan, searched the ship on April 9 and 10 and found large quantities of raw and prepared opium concealed in the engine-room. As a result of the seizures, a fireman and a greaser deserted the ship. The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$5,000.

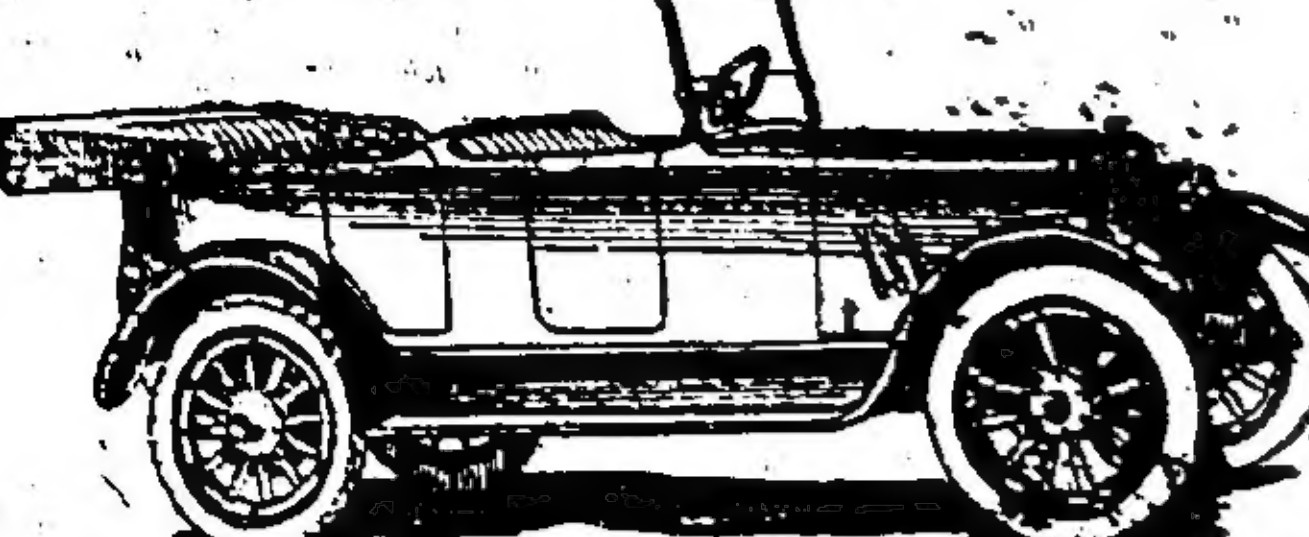
On Saturday afternoon, Sergeant Falken searched the s.s. "Chuanan" prior to her departure for Manila and seized 204 tins of raw opium which he found concealed in some large baskets of cabbages forming part of the ship's cargo. No clue could be found as to the identity of the smugglers. The drug was confiscated.

On Saturday night a cash box containing jewellery valued at \$339, \$14 in money, and a deposit receipt for \$1,200 was stolen from the cubicle of a woman living in Queen's Street while she was asleep. She has no clue as to the identity of the thief, but suspects one of the servants.

Before Magistrate Lindsell this morning, a compositor employed by the "Hongkong Telegraph," was charged with the theft of \$2 worth of types from the composing room. The watchman said that on Saturday all the compositors knocked off work at 1 p.m., and the office was closed. In the afternoon the defendant came to the office and under pretext that he wanted to take something he had left behind, entered the composing room. As he was a long time inside the witness went in and saw him tying up four packets of types. A fine of \$20 or 14 days' hard labour was imposed.

The wedding of Mr. C. A. da Rosa, of Hongkong, and Miss Angela Trigo, daughter of Colonel Trigo (Director of Public Works, Macao), and Mrs. Trigo, of Funchal, Madeira, took place at the Bishop's Chapel, Macao, on Wednesday, April 27. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked very charming in a dress of champagne Chantilly lace. She was attended by Miss Amelia Trigo and Miss Olga da Rosa as bridesmaids. Mr. A. A. Novate acted as best man. A reception was afterwards held at "Villa Flora," the residence of Colonel Trigo and later the happy couple left for Hongkong en route to Peking, where the honeymoon will be spent. Mr. and Mrs. da Rosa were passengers on "Loe Sang," the Empress of Russia which sailed on the 28th.

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HONGKONG UNIVERSITY. ENGINEERING EXAMINERS' REPORT.

Mr. N. Teesdale Mackintosh, Registrar of the University sends us the following copy of the report which has been sent to Sir Charles Addis, Chairman of the London University, Committee of this University, by the Examiners in the University of London who were appointed Assessors in the Examination for the Honours Degree of B.Sc. Engineering held here in May, 1920.

It is not perhaps generally known that the Honours Degrees in Engineering granted by the University of Hongkong have always been awarded on the results issued by Examiners from the University of London to whom the papers of the Candidates examined here have been sent each year.

[Enclosure.]

IMPERIAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.
City and Guilds (Engineering) College, Exhibition Road, London, S.W. 7.
March 8, 1921.

The University of Hongkong.
Dear Sir Charles Addis.—The Honours B.Sc. (Engineering) scripts and course work submitted to us as Assessors, reached us on December 16, 1920.

The work of four Candidates was submitted whose names and names as well as our recommendations are given below—

Name	Recommendation
401 Chen Wing Ching	1st Class Honours
416 Sung Zau Yoon	1st Class Honours
412 Chao Tsu Nin	2nd Class Honours
415 Lai Sun Lu	2nd Class Honours

We are pleased to say that the high standard reached in previous years has been fully maintained and this is quite equal to that of London University. The work of Candidates 401 and 416 was excellent in all respects.—Yours faithfully,

(Signed) S. M. DIXON,
D. A. LOW,
T. MATHER.

AMERICAN EXPORTS.

CHINA'S SHARE.

SECOND IN THE FAR EAST.

China ranks second among the nations of the Far East in point of imports from the United States according to a review of American exports just made public by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, at Washington.

China's share of America's exports totaled \$105,539,583. Japan with purchases of American goods valued at \$336,000,000 ranked first.

America's best customer, considering the entire world, was the United Kingdom, which imported from America goods valued at \$2,278,000,000, of which \$2,125,000,000 went to England, \$118,000,000 to Scotland, and \$35,000,000 to Ireland.

American exports to Europe as a whole were valued at \$8,187,000,000.

Argentina took \$155,899,390 in American goods, Mexico took \$131,455,000, and the Falkland Islands took \$170,173.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "LORETTA"
From BALTIMORE

THE Steamship
"LORETTA,"

having arrived from Baltimore via ports, on May 1st, 1921, consignees are hereby notified that their cargo is being landed at their risk into the Hazardous and/or Extra-Hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk.

Consignees of cargo must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be countersigned.

All broken, chafed, and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godowns where it will be examined at 10 a.m. on May 6th, 1921, by the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael & Co., Ltd. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be recognized after the goods have left the Godowns and cargo undelivered on and after May 9th, 1921, will be subject to suit.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately.

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Hongkong, May 1, 1921.

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TO-DAY'S NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

THE OFFICE of the ITALIAN CONSULATE has THIS DAY been REMOVED from Alexandra Buildings, to the top floor of Prince's Building, 100 House Street, Hongkong, April 30, 1921.

NOTICE.

WE have authorized Messrs. REGINALD MEIN, AUSTIN, GEDRIC CHARLES BOVEL, and ALLAN BROWN STEWART to sign for the Company "per procuration" from this date.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
Hongkong, May 1, 1921.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY, May 4, 1921, commencing at 11 a.m.

at No. 23 Godown of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon,

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Silk and Valuable Tea for Italy, France and London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Bombay into the Mail Steamer, proceeding direct to Marseilles and London.

Parade will be received at this Office until 3 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

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Hongkong, May 2, 1921.

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WONGBOI	1777	1115	1896
MANILA	1790	1108	1904

Terms of sale and full particulars may be ascertained on application to, and permits for inspection will be issued by Messrs. Boustead & Co., Singapore; Messrs. Ballouh Bros. & Co., Ltd., Rangoon; Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Hongkong; and the undersigned.

Sailed tenders should be lodged with Mackinnon Mackenzie & Co., Calcutta. The tenders which must be in Sterling, will be opened at Calcutta, on FRIDAY, the 17th June, 1921, and must be valid for 14 days after that date.

MACKINNON MACKENZIE & CO., 16 Strand Road, CALCUTTA.

Hongkong, April 25, 1921.

TO SECRETARIES OF CLUBS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

ALL preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and entertainments, sent for insertion in the news columns of the *China Mail*, are charged for at the rate of \$1 each, (as announced in May and June of last year) providing that they do not occupy more than four lines. In future if this space is exceeded they will be placed in the advertising columns at the prevailing rates.

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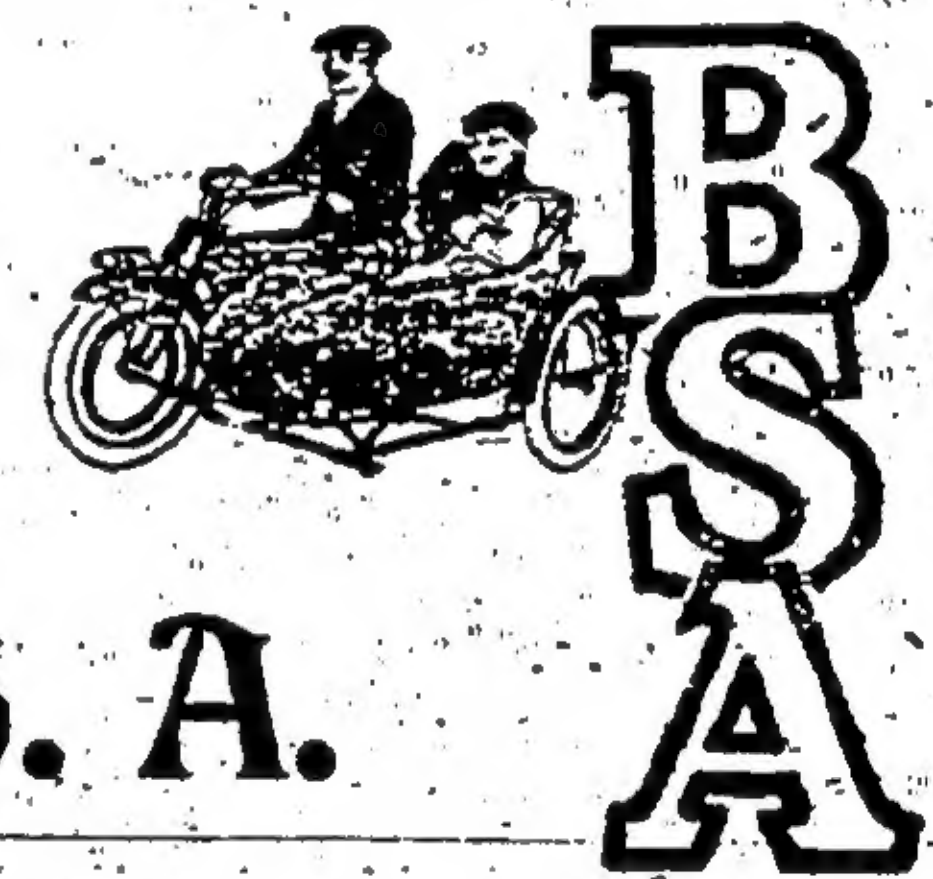
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SPORT.

SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL.

"TITANIA" v. SOUTH CHINA.

A GOOD TUSSE.

A hard fought game that ended without a score on either side was witnessed on Saturday when an eleven from H.M.S. "Titania" tried conclusions with the South China team.

Mr. Thornton had charge of the whistle and the teams were as follows—
H.M.S. "Titania"—Yeoman; Kerridge, Macpherson, Sheerman, McGraw, Hutchby; Hall, Green, Hendry, Pyles and Cooper.

South China—Lau Hing Cheung; Chan So, Cheung Wing Shing; Fung Ping, Leung Tai Fong, Leung Yek, Tong; Pang Kuni Wing, Ip Kau, Wong Pak Shing, Kam Fook, and Au Kit Sang.

Soon after they had kicked off the sailors commenced a vigorous attack and Hendry getting possession of the leather in midfield, took the ball down and sent in a superb high shot which Lau Hing Cheung succeeded in converting into a corner.

After the flag kick, further onslaughts were made upon the South China cinder without success and then Pang Kam Wing and Ip Kau carried the fight into naval territory. Nothing happened in the scoring line, however, although more than one opportunity presented itself, and, after a good deal of up and down play, the "Titania's" men took charge and battered away at the South China defences.

The Chinese backs, however, offered a firm front and some splendid saves were effected before South China, following a period of effective combined play, took the game in hand and swept down to the opposite end. Efforts to score were fruitless however and the bluejackets were again besieging the South China goal when the half time whistle blew without either side having opened a scoring account.

South China took the offensive immediately after the resumption of hostilities, Ip Kau sending in a good drive which was, however, intercepted by the "Titania's" goal-keeper. The naval men could do no better when their turn came to attack and soon the leather was back in the hands of South China. Ip Kau, who had been responsible for some excellent shooting had another try for goal but Yeoman negotiated it successfully and the ball went back to the other end where a fine low drive from Hendry almost found its way through. Both teams at this stage began to get thoroughly warmed up and strenuous efforts were made to score. The centre of play swung from goal to goal but the final whistle closed the game without a score on either side.

It was a spirited struggle all the way through and though there was little to choose between the two teams the "Titania" men probably had the best of the play.

INTERSPORT POLO.

SHANGHAI v. HONGKONG.

MATCH HERE IN SEPTEMBER.

Games between the Shanghai Polo club and Tientsin and Peking are on the calendar for playing during the 1st Eastern Olympiad Games to be held in Shanghai in the early part of June. A trip of the Shanghai team to Hongkong and special play for four additional silver cups among the members of the Shanghai Club feature in 1921 season's programme, says the *China Press*.

The first interport match played in Shanghai was with the Hongkong club. The home team consisted of Messrs. E. H. McMichael, H. G. Binson, George Dallas and E. S. Rowe. The game went to Shanghai by a score of 4 to 3 after a keen quest. The Hongkong club, Mr. Foy, said at a meeting of the Shanghai Polo Club, was sure to challenge the return game this season. The Shanghai team would probably go South in September for the match.

LAUREL TENNIS.

VISION II.

Playing the home courts on Saturday, the Club de Recreio beat the C.R.C. team by 54 games to 45.

The score was—

F. Soares and M. Pinna lost to C. Choa and M. H. Lo 2-8, beat Yew Man-sun and Cheung Wingkui 10-1, beat G. Lee and W. Gittins 6-5.

F. Marques and H. Remedios lost to Chan and Lo 5-6, beat Cheung and Yew 6-5, beat Lee and Gittins 6-5. V. Yvanovich and E. Souza lost to Choa and Lo 3-8, beat Cheung and Yew 9-2, beat Lee and Gittins 7-4.

LAWN BOWLS.

K.B.G.C.'S. OPENING DAY.

Saturday was the opening day of the bowls season of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent on the Club's greens and tennis courts by a large gathering of members and their friends. Everyone was enthusiastic about the function, and it was unanimously voted the most successful opening day the Club ever had.

There were fully 150 persons present to watch the interesting competitions in which representatives of the Tai Koo, Bowling Club, Police Service Club, Craigengower Club and the Kowloon Cricket Club took part. No fewer than 64 players participated in the games, and eight rinks were occupied. Play was very keen, and there were some close results.

Tea was served on the lawn during the afternoon. Mr. J. N. R. Allan, the President, before calling upon Mrs. Lapsley to present the spoons, made a short address in which he cordially welcomed the visitors and thanked them for helping to make the opening day such a great success.

Mrs. Lapsley then presented the prizes to the successful competitors. Mr. D. Keith expressed thanks to the ladies who had assisted at the tea tables and asked Mrs. Lapsley's acceptance of a beautiful bouquet contained in a silver holder. Three hearty cheers were given for the ladies.

Representatives of the various Clubs expressed thanks for the pleasant afternoon provided and wished the Bowling Green a most successful season.

The results of the competitions were as under—

TAIKOO.	BOWLING GREEN.
Wet	Henderson
Muirhead	Dixon
Morrison	Hedley
Weatherspoon 24	Lapsley..... 25

POLICE.	BOWLING GREEN.
Knight	Frost
Raid	May
Cooper	Gray
Clark..... 19	Farrell..... 18

K.C.C.	BOWLING GREEN.
Purvis	Hall
Davidson	Allan
Richmond	Edwards
Gibson..... 19	McIver..... 16

CIVIL SERVICE.	BOWLING GREEN.
Duncan	Barr
Secombe	Brown
Stanley	Keith
Blake..... 17	Pancheon..... 17

CRAIGENGOWER.	BOWLING GREEN.
Rose	Stoeham
Elles	Duncan
Wright	Atkinson
Pitt..... 16	Russell..... 20

The following were the winners of spoons on the scratch rinks: Langley, Nicholls, Oxberry and Jack; Gourlay, McLagan, Hunter and Harvey; Gardiner, Hyde, Pathiejohn and Watt.

THE OLYMPIAD.

INDIAN RUNNERS TO COMPETE.

It is hoped to have Hongkong strongly represented at the forthcoming Olympiad Games in Shanghai this month. With this in view, it has been proposed to send Rahmin (winner of the 100 yards Championship), B.A. Hyder (winner of the half and one mile Championships) and Karim Bux (winner of yesterday's Marathon), to the Northern Settlement to compete in the above events. All those interested and willing to contribute towards the expenses of the project, should communicate with Mr. E. C. Wicheil, Hon. Sec. of the V.R.C., who would be pleased to receive donations.

CROUP.

THIS disease is so dangerous and so rapid in its development that every mother of young children should be prepared for it. It is very risky to wait until the attack of croup appears and then send for medicine and let the child suffer until it can be obtained. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is prompt and effective and has never been known to fail in any case. Always have a bottle in the house. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

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PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL SAILINGS (South)

S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"DILWARA"	5,378	10th May	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay.
"MAGAYA"	7,000	13th May	Malacca, London & A. West.
"FLASSY"	7,348	11th June	Malacca, London & A. West.
"DELTA"	8,000	25th June	Malacca, London & A. West.

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS (South)

S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"TAKADA"	7,000	9th May	Calcutta, via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"KANOWNA"	7,000	8th May	Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	5,000	25th May	+ Calls Hoilo omits Sandakan.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"ST. ALBANS"	5,000	7th May	Japan direct.
"ARRATON APCAR"	4,500	10th May	Japan via Shanghai.
"FLASSY"	7,348	25th May	Shanghai and Japan.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

Consignees are reminded of the necessity to apply to the Company's Agents regarding arrival of consignments expected of which they have received documents or advice.

Any damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard and Douglas, at 10 a.m. on MONDAYS and THURSDAYS. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

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FURUKAWA MARU (omit Manila) ... Friday, 12th May, at 11 a.m.
KATSUMI MARU (omit Manila) ... Friday, 17th May, at 11 a.m.
KASHIMA MARU (omit Manila) ... Tuesday, 15th July, at 11 a.m.

LONDON & ANTWERP via Singapore, Malacca, Penang, Colombo, Suez, Port Said & Marseilles.

KAMO MARU ... Friday, 13th May, at 11 a.m.
ITO MARU ... Friday, 27th May, at 11 a.m.
ATSUTA MARU ... Friday, 10th June, at 11 a.m.

HAMBURG, LONDON, HULL & ROTTERDAM.
MATSUYE MARU ... Friday, 25th April.

LIVERPOOL & Marseilles via Suez.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, Zamboanga, Thursday Island, Townsville & Brisbane.

AKI MARU ... Monday, 23rd May, at 11 a.m.
TANGO MARU ... Tuesday, 21st June, at 11 a.m.

NEW YORK via Suez.
YAMAGATA MARU ... Sunday, 8th May.

SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS via Cape.
KAWACHI MARU ... Beginning of May.
AWA MARU ... Saturday, 21st May.

BOMBAY & COLOMBO via Singapore.
HAKATA MARU ... Wednesday, 4th May.
TATSUMI MARU ... Sunday, 22nd May.

CALCUTTA & RANGOON via Singapore & Penang.
TOSU MARU ... Sunday, 8th May.

JAPAN PORTS—Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANGO MARU ... Sunday, 22nd May, at 11 a.m.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
FENANG MARU ... Saturday, 7th May.
KIRIN MARU ... Wednesday, 11th May.
SHIZUKA MARU ... Friday, 12th May, at 11 a.m.

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NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

PROJECTED DEPARTURE

CHINA COAST, ETC.

SWATOW.

May	S. S.	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
3	"C. N."	Kanchow.	
5	"I.C.S.N."	Kwangchow.	
7	"D. L."	Hailong.	
9	"I.C.S.N."	Taipei.	
11	"O. S. K."	Shanghai.	
13	"I.C.S.N."	Choyang.	
15	"D. L."	Hailong.	

AMOY.

May	S. S.	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
3	"D. L."	Hailong.	
5	"O. S. K."	Shanghai.	
7	"I.C.S.N."	Hailong.	
9	"D. L."	Hailong.	
11	"C. N."	Shanghai.	

FOOCHOW.

May	S. S.	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
3	"D. L."	Hailong.	
5	"D. L."	Hailong.	

SHANGHAI.

May	S. S.	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
3	"J.C.J.L."	Tsikiang.	
5	"C. N."	Sinkiang.	
7	"I.C.S.N."	Kwangchow.	
9	"B. F."	Hector.	
11	"C. N."	Sinkiang.	
13	"I.C.S.N."	Choyang.	
15	"C. N."	Sinkiang.	
17	"J.C.J.L."	Tsikiang.	
19	"L. T."	Nippon.	
21	"B. F."	Anchor.	
23	"M. M."	Paul Leat.	
25	"P. & O."	Delta.	

TIENSIN.

May	S. S.	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
5	"I.C.S.N."	Chongching.	

TSINGTAO.

May	S. S.	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
5	"I.C.S.N."	Choyang.	
7	"C. N."	Yingchow.	

TAKAO.

May	S. S.	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
5	"O. S. K."	Shanghai.	

PUKOW.

May	S. S.	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
3	"C. N."	Shanghai.	
10	"C. N."	Shanghai.	

HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW.

May	S. S.	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
4	"I.C.S.N."	Lokang.	
8	"D. L."	Kaifeng.	

SAIGON.

May	S. S.	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
10	"M. M."	Amazone.	
18	"A. L."	Lake Onawa.	

BANGKOK.

May	S. S.	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
3	"C. N."	Kanchow.	
3	"I.C.S.N."	Taipei.	

SINGAPORE.

May	S. S.	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
12	"A. L."	Lake Onawa.	
21	"J.C.J.L."	Tsikiang.	
28	"C. M."	Nile.	
29	"C. M."	China.	

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, ETC.

MANILA.

May	S. S.	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
3	"A. L."	Wanchow.	
6	"I.C.S.N."	Yuenang.	
12	"A. L."	Aberdeen.	
19	"C. M."	Nanking.	

JAVA PORTS, ETC.

May	S. S.	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
3	"J.C.J.L."	Tsikiang.	
5	"F. M."	Van Cloon.	
10	"N. Y. K."	Macassar Maru.	
13	"J.C.J.L."	Tjondari.	
19	"A. L."	Lake Onawa.	
21	"I.C.J.L."	Tjondari.	

CELEBES PORTS, ETC.

CALCUTTA.

May	S. S.	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
3	"I.C.S.N."	Yaching.	
8	"B. F."	Takada.	
15	"N. Y. K."	Tomo Maru.	
21	"B. F."	Japan.	
30	"B. F."	Aratton Appear.	

BOMBAY AND COLOMBO.

May	S. S.	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
3	"N. Y. K."	Hakata Maru.	
10	"B. F."	Devara.	
22	"N. Y. K."	Tajima Maru.	

AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

May	S. S.	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
3	"C. A."	Victoria.	
5	"E. & A."	Kanowna.	
12	"E. & A."	West Ping.	
22	"N. Y. K."	Ats Maru.	
25	"E. & A."	St. Albans.	
31	"N. Y. K."	Tango Maru.	

JAPAN PORTS.

May	S. S.	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
5	"Nanyo Y. K."	Srang Maru.	
7	"E. & A."	St. Albans.	
10	"N. Y. K."	Penang Maru.	
12	"E. & A."	Aratton Appear.	
13	"N. Y. K."	Kirin Maru.	
18	"N. Y. K."	Shidzuka Maru.	
14	"D. & C."	Nippon.	
14	"B. F."	Macassar.	
17	"B. F."	Belleophon.	
21	"J.C.J.L."	Tjondari.	
22	"N. Y. K."	Tango Maru.	
24	"B. F."	Ats Maru.	
25	"P. & O."	Plassy.	
31	"B. F."	Devotion.	
June 12	"B. F."	Mentor.	
12	"B. F."	Yaching.	
23	"P. & O."	Syria.	
July 5	"P. & O."	Kalyan.	
5	"B. F."	Irion.	
19	"P. & O."	Kashmir.	
Aug. 2	"P. & O."	Khyber.	

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VANCOUVER.

May	S. S.	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
10	"C. P. O. S."	Empress of Japan.	
16	"D. L."	Marille Dollar.	
25	"S. & D."	West Icon.	
June 26	"C. P. O. S."	Empress of Asia.	
Aug. 18	"C. P. O. S."	Empress of Russia.	
23	"C. P. O. S."	Monteagle.	
Sept. 30	"C. P. O. S."	Empress of Japan.	

VICTORIA.

May	S. S.	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
14	"A. L."	Wanchow.	
31	"N. Y. K."	Fushimi Maru.	

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INDIAN WINS MARATHON.

On the Hongkong Football Club ground on Saturday, a large gathering spent a very enjoyable afternoon when the nineteenth annual athletic sports meeting of the Victoria Recreation Club was held with marked success. Soon after 1 p.m. the time the sports were scheduled to begin, people began to arrive in large numbers, and by 1.30, the accommodation in the Grand Stand, admission to which was \$1, was fully taxed. The afternoon was rather warm, but this did not count with the competitors who keenly contested every event on the programme. Great enthusiasm prevailed throughout the afternoon, and interest never flagged, the spectators being kept amused between the events by the clever antics of a clown assisted by a boy masquerading as a girl. The Band of the Hongkong Theatre under the conductorship of Professor F. Gonzales also contributed much to the afternoon's enjoyment.

The principal events were, of course, the Marathon and the mile race. Both were closely contested.

The Marathon started at the Shauki-wan Police Station at 4.24 p.m. Not fewer than 26 competitors, of whom the majority were Indians, faced the starter. Pte. Condit, B. A. Hyder and Hav. Rur Singh who entered for the event did not start. Pte. Condit, ran in Condit's place. Several Indians assumed the lead immediately, and keeping a steady even pace, led the pack. The Europeans were close on their heels for a good distance, but soon the pace began to tell on them and gradually but steadily they lost ground. Never once changing their speed, the Indians jogged along until they came to Jardine's garden when the pace was considerably increased and a strenuous struggle between them resulted in Karim Bux taking the lead with Tariam Singh following him closely. Karim Bux made a very fine finish, completing the course in 32 minutes. A. V. Derbyshire, the only European to finish in the first dozen, showed much grit throughout the race and fully deserved the applause which greeted him when he entered the ring. Only four prizes were awarded and they were all carried off by the Indians.

The Mile Race also provided much excitement. Hyder and Mair took the lead immediately from the start. With Hyder slightly in front the race soon developed into a struggle between the two. Hyder did the first three laps in 1 min. 6 sec. 2 min. 23 sec., and 3 min. 38 sec. When they came to the 220 yards mark in the last lap, Mair spurred beautifully, and passing the leader ran strongly. Entering the home stretch, Hyder challenged him. Mair tried hard to reply, but could not keep pace with the Indian who won a well contested race in great style. G. V. Ramsey was third some distance behind Mair.

The three miles bicycle race also developed into an interesting event which provided a lot of excitement in the last two laps. F. X. Gomes who was the scratch man in the absence of A. Ignatieff, proved himself a good cyclist by winning the event from Sgt. Rooney, who had kept good lead to the last lap when he lost the race by only two-fifths of a second.

A regrettable accident occurred in the ladies' bicycle race when the two Young sisters, the favourites, collided through keeping too close together. One of the girls was injured but fortunately not seriously. The race was won in good style by Miss C. Smith. Miss G. Smith was a good second.

The cups and other awards were presented afterwards by Mrs. Severn. The Acting-Chairman of the V.R.C. (Mr. W. Logan) thanked the donors of prizes, and those who had helped to make the day a success.

In acknowledging a round of cheers for Mrs. Severn, H. E. the Officer Administering the Government, and who was accompanied by H. E. Major-General Sir G. M. Kirkpatrick, K.C.B., congratulated the V.R.C. on the way the meeting had been conducted and expressed appreciation of the services of Mr. W. Logan.

Acting Chairman and Referee—Mr. W. Logan.
Judges—Col. Loring, C.M.G., D.S.O., Major Timmis, Mr. Silvanetto, Lieut. Meriman (H. M. S. *Tamara*), Mr. Wm. Farmer, Mr. R. H. Mitchell, Mr. F. Lammer, Mr. J. H. N. Mody, Dr. Forsyth, Mr. J. Rodger, Mr. A. McKirdy, Capt. Davies, M.C., Bro. Alfonso, Mr. R. J. Wilton, and Lieut. Doddington.

Clerks of the Course—Q.M.S. Alderton, Mr. E. T. Crocker, Mr. M. F. Baptista, Mr. R. Nazarin, Mr. W. P. Seath and Lieut. Hannam.

Starters—Mr. J. McCubbin and Dr. F. H. Kew.

Time-keepers—Mr. A. A. Alves, Master Gr. May, R.G.A., Mr. T. Meek and Mr. A. E. Alves.

Hon. Secretary—Mr. R. C. W. Hitchell.

THE RESULTS.
The results were as follows:-
Long Jump (three tries): 1, L-Cpl. Amor; 2, Chan Chun Sang. Distance, 18 ft. 8 in.

Throwing the Cricket Ball (three tries): 1, B. E. Icasiano. Distance, 93 ft. 6 in.

100 Yards Handicap, Boys 6-10: 1, J. N. Dillon.

High Jump (three tries): 1, L-Cpl. Amor; 2, L-Cpl. Norman. Height, 5 ft. 3 in.

One Mile Championship (Tramway Cup): 1, B. A. Hyder; 2, A. Mair. Time, 4.55-9-6.

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100 Yards Handicap (Girls' Race): 1, M. Dillon; 2, E. H. Hunt.

"STABB STREET"

Lloyd's Weekly (Shanghai) said: "Monuments to the dead are not of much use to the dead. A man who earns a tribute, and deserves it, should be paid what a community owes while he is alive. I am glad to note the fact that an anonymous contributor has stated that it would be a 'graceful' and 'an appropriate act to change the name of Wardley Street to Stabb Street, in honour of the popular Bank Manager recently 'honoured' by the King with a 'knighthood.' Really Hongkong is beginning to think in the right way, and at the right moment. Honour the living, particularly a man honoured by his King, and honour ourselves at the same time. May the Colony have its Stabb Street before long—and for ever."

Wardley street is the little street that runs between the theatre and the bank. Our northern contemporary is hardly correct in describing the writer of the letter in the *China Mail* as "anonymous," because locally the initials J.E.N.M. are well known. They represented modesty rather than anonymity.

OBITUARY.

INSPECTOR H. F. PEARSON.

Deep regret will be felt at the news of the death at sea on April 18 of Inspector Herbert Frank Pearson of the Hongkong Sanitary Department. Sailing for Australia by the a.s. "Eastern" in order to enjoy a six months vacation the late Inspector was taken seriously ill shortly afterwards and died when the vessel had been four days out at sea.

Born in the year 1880 the deceased was appointed a temporary Inspector in the Sanitary Department in February, 1904 his permanent appointment as third class inspector following a few months later. In 1915 he was promoted to the rank of Sanitary Inspector, Second class. Popular amongst his colleagues, the late Inspector won the esteem of all who came into contact with him and the deepest sympathy will be extended to his widow and two children who were accompanying him to Australia.

120 Yards Hurdles Race: 1, Lam Yek Ying; 2, S.A. M. Sopher. Time, 18-5-5 sec.

Tug of War (Indian Regts.) Original event withdrawn, owing to illness amongst the Punjab, H.K.S. R.G.A. improvised teams.

440 Yards Handicap: 1, D. Laing. Time, 1.1 9-5 sec.

100 Yards Championship (Challenge Cup): 1, A. Rahman; 2, R. M. Omar.

440 Yards Handicap (Boys 10-16): 1, J. Maher; 2, N. R. Kitchell. Time, 1.5 2-5 sec.

Half Mile Handicap: 1, B. A. Hyder; 2, S. Pemberton. Time, 2.11-4-5.

440 Yards Challenge Cup: 1, A. B. Hyder; 2, Capt. P. H. Davies, m.c.

220 Yards Handicap: 1, J. Watson; 2, Geo. Chubb. Time, 2.4 4-5 sec.

Marathon Race: 1, Karim Bux; 2, Gr. Tariam Singh; 3, Lal Khan; 4, Amrik Singh. Time, 32 minutes.

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VII.—THE POOL OF DEATH.

BY ALICE ROEMER.

(Continued from Saturday.)

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In which the Duke disappears and the beautiful "Girl of the Violet Eyes" makes her appeal. Over eleven draw the sinister lines of Oriental mechanism as Mr. Roemer's great series progresses.

Quitting the way-side station, and walking down a short lane, we came out upon Watling Street, white and dusty beneath the afternoon sun. We were less than an hour's train journey from London, but found ourselves amid the Kentish hop-gardens, amid a rural peace unbroken. My companion carried a camera case along across her shoulder, but its contents were less innocent than one might have supposed. In fact, it contained a neat set of those instruments of the burglar's art, with the use of which she appeared to be quite familiar.

"There is an inn," she said, "about a mile ahead, where we can obtain some vital information. He last wrote to me from there."

No word passed between us, then, until upon rounding a bend and passing a cluster of picturesque cottages the yard of the Vinepole came into view.

"Do they know you by sight here?" I asked abruptly.

"No, of course not; we never made strategic mistakes of that kind. If we have not here, no doubt we can learn all we require."

I entered the little parlour of the inn and suggested that tea should be served in the pretty garden which opened out of it upon the right.

The host, who himself laid the table, viewed the camera case critically.

"We get a lot of photographers down here," he remarked, tentatively.

"No doubt," said my companion; "there is some very pretty scenery in the neighbourhood."

The landlord leaned his hands upon the table.

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I knew that Scotland Yard had failed to locate the hiding place of the remarkable and evil man. It was a novel sensation to know that, aided by this beautiful accomplice of a rogue, I had succeeded where the experts had failed.

We proceeded on our way in almost unbroken silence, and, without meeting any wayfarer, save for a couple of farm hands, up to the time that we reached the brow of the hill and had our first sight of the Gate House lying in a little valley beneath.

I glanced at Carneta. Her violet eyes were burning feverishly, but her lips twitched in a bravely pitiful way.

The eminence upon which we were commanded an extensive prospect, and eastward showed a tower and flagstaff which marked the site of Cadham Hall. There were homeward-bound labourers to be seen in the lanes now, and where Watling Street lay like a white ribbon across the verdant carpet moved an insect shape, speedily.

It was a car, and I watched it with vague interest. At a point where a dense copse spread down to the roadway and a lane crossed west to east, the car became invisible. Then I saw it again, nearer to us and nearer to the Gate House. "Finally it disappeared among the trees."

I turned to Carneta. "She, too, had been watching."

"Mr. Isaacs," she cried, and her voice was less musical than usual. "His chauffeur, who learnt his business in Cairo, is probably the only one of his servants who remains in England."

"What?" I began—and said no more.

Where the road upon which we stood wound down into the valley and led itself amid the trees surrounding the Gate House the car suddenly appeared again, and began to mount the slope toward us.

"Heavens!" whispered Carneta. "He may have seen us—with glasses! Quick! Let us walk back until the hill-top conceals us; then we must hide somewhere!"

I shared her excitement. Without a moment's hesitation we both turned and retraced our steps. Twenty paces brought us to a spot where a stack of mangels stood at the roadside.

We ran around into the field and crouched where we could peer out on the road without ourselves being seen. Now had we taken up this position a moment too soon.

Topping the slope came a light-weight electric, driven by a man who, in his spruce uniform, might have passed at a glance for a very dapper European. The car had a limousine back, and as the chauffeur showed down, out from the open windows, right and left, peered the solitary occupant.

He had the cast of countenance which is associated with the best type of Jew, with clear-cut aquiline features, and a keen, almost feline, expression. His white beard was patriarchal and he wore a gold-rimmed monocle and a glossy silk hat.

I scarcely breathed until the car was past; and, beside me, my companion, crouching to the ground, was trembling wildly. Fifty yards toward the village, Mr. Isaacs evidently directed the man to return.

The car was put about and flashed past us at high speed down into the valley. I held out my hand to Carneta and she rose, pale, but with blazing eyes, and picked up her camera case.

"If he had detected us everything would have been lost!" she whispered.

"Not everything!" I replied grimly—and showed her the revolver which I had held in my hand while those eagle eyes had been seeking us.

If he had made a sign to show that he had seen us, in fact if he had once offered a safe mark by leaning from the car, I should have shot him dead without hesitation!

"We must not show ourselves again, but wait for dusk. He must have seen us, then, on the hilltop; but I hope without recognizing us. He has the sight and instincts of a vulture!"

I nodded, slipping the revolver into my pocket; but I wondered if I should not have been better advised to have risked a shot at the moment that I had recognized "Mr. Isaacs" for Hassan of Aleppo.

From sunset to dusk I lurked about the neighbourhood of the Gate House with my beautiful accomplice—watching and waiting; a man bound upon stranger business, I dare swear, than any other in the county of Kent that night.

When finally we made our way along the narrow footpath skirting the west of the grounds, the night was silent—most strangely silent.

(To be continued.)

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KANSU EARTHQUAKE.

DETAILS OF DISASTER.

OVER 200,000 PEOPLE PERISH.

Peking, April 22.—The first detailed report of the Kansu earthquake which on December 16 last rocked almost the entire Far East and continued for more than a month, is being brought to Peking by H. De Hayes and F. W. Hall who conducted an investigation on behalf of the United International Famine Relief Society.

Whole mountains have collapsed and buried villages, the loose mountain soil spreading in each case over many square li. Mountain streams have been dammed by the landslides and the backed up water is now soaking through the bases of the hills and threatening further disaster.

With the added danger from spring rains other mountains and hills will collapse, farm lands will be flooded and homes destroyed. In one district near Chingning along the Lanchow Highway, sixteen mountains were practically levelled by the quake. The falling soil buried the cave dwellers and their animals and the destruction in some places was so great that there is now a marked scarcity of labourers. Even those who fled from the famine districts into Kansu are not sufficient in number to care for the work that is immediately necessary, the investigators say.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

MAY DAY REVOLUTION.

New York, April 30th.
The police have raided the headquarters of the radicals, and arrested two persons and seized documents, which would probably lead to wholesale arrests throughout the country.
It is alleged that the raid was made in connection with plotting for a May Day revolution.

AMERICAN SHIPPING STRIKE.

WASHINGTON, April 30th.
The negotiations of the Shipping Board with the shipowners and machine workers regarding the reduction of wages have broken down, the employees refusing a reduction of 15 per cent.
The strike begins to-morrow at all American ports, except on the Lakes.

GERMAN REPARATION PROPOSALS.

London, April 30th.
Prior to the meeting of the Supreme Council, this afternoon, there were preliminary conversations between the Allied representatives in London, the chief topic being the British proposal that the Allies send a Note to Germany giving seven days in which to accept the demands. It is understood that the French insisted on an immediate decision.
Lord D'Abernon, the British Ambassador in Berlin, did not bring fresh German proposals as expected, but brought an explanation of the German Note that the offer of ten thousand millions of marks was a genuine offer, and not a mere bluff. This did not make much impression. In the meanwhile, Berlin is abuzz with rumours, one of which that Herr von Simons had resigned was confirmed to-day, but Herr Expert declined the resignation, on the ground that the Cabinet favoured the continuance of negotiations with America.

London, April 30th.
After a sitting of four and a half hours, the Supreme Council was adjourned till 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

London, May 1st.
Yesterday's Supreme Council meeting revealed divergent views. Italy supporting the British proposal for a short period of grace for Germany, and Belgium backing France for immediate occupation of the Ruhr.

The British viewpoint is that, pending the Reparations Commission has now fixed Germany's liability at \$6,000,000,000, the conference should, first, decide how the liability is to be satisfied, and then give Germany an ultimatum to carry out the decision, because it is believed that they will accept a possibility that Germany may abandon her present attitude.

Despite Lord D'Abernon's explanations, the German offer is still considered by the Allies as unacceptable.
Paris, April 30th.
Public opinion is unanimous in considering the latest German offer as unacceptable. It will be the most powerful squadron afloat, comprising the *Bismarck*, the *Vergeltung*, the *Fulminant*, the *Revenge*, the *Renard*, the *Royal Oak* and the *Resolution*, which are the finest ships in the British Fleet.

BRITISH FLEET.

London, May 1st.
An important change is being made in the formation of the British Fleet. The first and second Battle Squadrons are being amalgamated. It will be the most powerful squadron afloat, comprising the *Bismarck*, the *Vergeltung*, the *Fulminant*, the *Revenge*, the *Renard*, the *Royal Oak* and the *Resolution*, which are the finest ships in the British Fleet.

NEW REGIME IN IRELAND.

London, May 1st.
The Daily Eireann has issued a proclamation declaring the Government of the Republic of Ireland to be the only legitimate authority in Ireland. The proclamation orders members of County Councils and other bodies to ostracise the elections for the proposed Irish Senate but to support popular elections under the Act.

MINERS' STRIKE.

London, May 1st.
The Cabinet Committee on Supply and Transport met on April 30th to consider measures for conserving fuel and light by a possible imposition of curfew and cutting off of gas and electricity at a certain hour in the evening. The Government is not willing to submit industry to further loss, hence it is taking a course of coal stocks before deciding on further drastic steps affecting travel and ordinary amenities of life, which the continuance of coal stoppage would necessitate. The withdrawal of all express trains, the closing of theatres, and the establishment of central bakeries in towns are among the measures discussed.
The Miners' Federation have appealed to the districts as regards the rejection of the terms. The Lancashire and Cheshire Federation, and the Nottingham and also the Forest of Dean, miners' union have endorsed the rejection.

London, May 1st.
The Government is now widely circulating posters in mining areas explaining the terms, but the leaders are emphatic that attempts to induce the men to break away from the Federation are doomed to failure. In the meanwhile, stoppage of trade grows more serious daily. Fresh industries are continually closing down, the most notable example being the closing down of 13 steel-works, by which 17 blast furnaces have been rendered idle in Lancashire, and 70,000 men have been deprived of their employment.
The break is now absolutely complete. The owners and the Government are in the opinion that the next move must come from the miners. Hence, it appears that a further prolonged struggle is inevitable. Those knowing their miner insist that he is capable of almost incredible suffering, and will not yield until he is driven to the wall. The miners can hold out until the beginning of June, and will do so, failing the concession of their demands.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

London, April 30th.
His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught has arrived in London. He was welcomed by their Majesties the King and Queen.

COTTON FIRE.

Alexandria, April 30th.
The Janian Bank cotton store has been destroyed by fire, and fourteen thousand bales have been lost.

TENNIS.

London, May 1st.
In the tennis finals at Homburg, B. Norton (South Africa) beat Gordon Lowe, 7/6, 6/3, 10/8.
Miss Ryan beat Miss Kemmishetty, 6/2, 6/2.
In the doubles, J. Wheatley (South Africa) and von Braun (Sweden) beat Gordon Lowe and Sir George Thomas, 6/3, 6/4.

CRICKET.

London, April 30th.
As the close of play, at Leicester, in glorious weather, before 8,000 spectators, Leicestershire had 135 runs.
McDonald took 5 wickets for 41.
The Australians made 243 runs for the loss of one wicket. Macartney made 140, unaided in a masterly manner, and Bardsley 97, unaided, playing sound cricket.

EARL HAIG.

Cambridge, May 1st.
Field-Marshal Earl Haig has departed for England, accompanied by Lady Haig, after a most successful tour of South Africa. Receptions throughout the country were marked with the greatest enthusiasm.

KNOX PEACE RESOLUTION.

Washington, May 1st.
The Senate has adopted by 49 votes to 21, the Knox Peace Resolution.

OBITUARY.

London, April 30th.
The death is announced of Admiral Sir Nathaniel Bowden-Smith, who took part in the China war of 1896.

FUTURE OF CHINA.

London, May 1st.
Mr. J. O. P. Bland's book, "China, Japan and Korea," takes a pessimistic view of the situation in China, and advocates bringing China under international tutelage, while preserving her sovereignty and dignity, or maintaining all outward signs of independent authority. The Government and finance should be centralized, and ultimately the Government established upon the traditional principles of paternal despotism. In the meanwhile, Mr. Bland believes that an agreement between the Powers for the re-organization of China's finances and the reconstruction of her central Government upon a new basis of effective authority is not impossible. The success of the agreement will depend mainly on the attitude of Japan, and involve the revision of the whole situation in the Far East.
The revision should entail not only the settlement of the Shantung question with the full recognition of China's unqualified sovereignty throughout the province, but the abolition of all special interests in China which infringe, or diminish that sovereignty. The recognition of Japan's privileged position in Manchuria and Mongolia should be balanced by her consent to a new "square deal" all round.
Mr. Bland is of the opinion that it is possible Japan may agree to such a revision, and declares that the aggressive policy on the part of Japan must end, if there is to be any renewal of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance or any hope of peace in the Orient.

SPECIAL CHINESE ENVOY.

London, May 1st.
Chu Chi Chien has arrived in London. He was met at Victoria station by representatives of the Government, the Chinese Minister, members of the Legation and many members of the Chinese colony in London. He drove to Claridge Hotel, where he will stay a week. He presents an autograph letter from the President of China to His Majesty the King on May 2nd, and visits Oxford and Eton. He will be entertained by the Government.

DJAMBI OIL-FIELDS.

Washington, April 30th.
The State Department in a Note to the Netherlands Government on April 18th, referring to the conditions in the Djambi oilfields in the Dutch East Indies, said that the solution of the future of oil problems throughout the world lay in the application of the principle of equal opportunity for the nationals of all countries, and that responsible and experienced American interests are desirous to co-operate with the Dutch Government in oil development in that field.

JAPAN'S CROWN PRINCE.

Gibraltar, April 30th.
The Crown Prince of Japan arrived here this morning.
The town and shipping was besieged. The Prince is in splendid health, and had a fine voyage from Malak.
The Governor gave a dinner to the Prince and his suite at Government House to-night. It was a brilliant function. The Prince was received by a guard of honour of the Royal Artillery. The band played the Japanese anthem, concluding with a flourish of bugles.
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A COUP D'ETAT.

WORK OF ADVENTURERS.

VERY LITTLE BLOODSHED.

Vladivostok, April 10.—The chief local event of the last ten days was the attempted coup d'etat of March 30/31. This miserable affair was the work of a few adventurers from Harbin, assisted by a small section of the Grodek group. The forces at the disposal of the Vladivostok administration were quite sufficient to quell the rising, and, thanks to the Japanese troops, very little bloodshed resulted.

In connection with this event, General Jachibans, Commanding the Japanese troops, informed Mr. Prokofiev, President of the Vladivostok National Assembly, that in the event of further disorders of this nature the Japanese would disarm both sides to maintain order. He further said that in his opinion such occurrences were due to the lack of a proper democratic system of government.

A GENERAL'S CRITICISMS.

Mr. Prokofiev then drew the General's attention to the various declarations which the Government has made as to its democratic intentions. The General, however, remarked that the declarations were one thing and the results in actual practice quite another. He also said that the proposal to dissolve the local National Assembly, if carried out, would be additional proof of lack of democratic intentions, and might compel the Japanese to consider the question of policing the district themselves in the interests of law and order.

The idea of the promoters of the rising was to draw the Kappeler troops into the business, get them to do all the work, and profit by the results. In this, however, they were disappointed as the Kappeler refused to be drawn out.
The local Communists also did all possible to make it appear as though the Kappeler troops were to blame for the disorder and make a number of quite unfounded charges against them. The presence of the Japanese troops, however, prevented any acts of red terrorism.

The ignominious failure of the rising proved conclusively that the extreme reactionary elements have little chance of starting any more adventures, and their efforts in this direction merely tend to strengthen the position of the Communists.

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, May 2, 1921.

On London ... 2/8

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On demand ... 192

On Singapore ... 106 1/2

On demand ... 106 1/2

On Manila ... 106 1/2

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On Shanghai ... 106 1/2

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BANKS.

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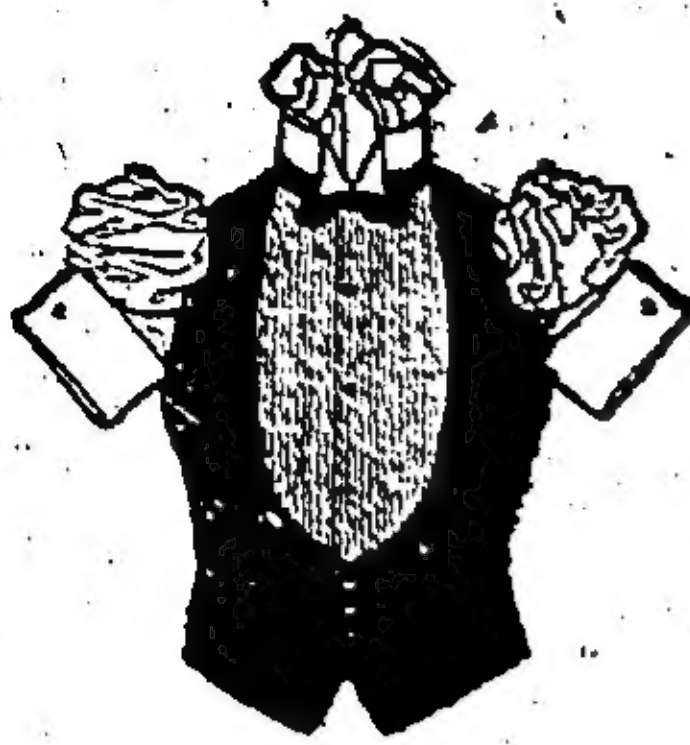
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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

FRENCH INDO-CHINA.

NEW GOVERNMENT FLEET OF STEAMERS.

PARIS, April 29.

The steamer "Indo-China," the first unit of the French Indo-China Government fleet, left Marseilles for Saigon with a general cargo, notably engines. The steamer "Albert Sarraut" is now being built at Saigon as the second unit.

The "Indo-China" is to call at Beyrouth, Syria, to take on board a lot of the finest Arabian stallions the Government has bought for improving the Indo-Chinese breed.—Havas.

CHINA'S WATERWAYS.

FAST POSSIBILITIES.

Mr. A. H. Hallam, general manager of the Vacuum Oil Co., at Shanghai, writes in the *Compass*:

One often hears industrial China spoken of, but few people realize from a marine standpoint the vast possibilities that exist for the development of the thousands of miles of waterways that interest this large continent and the facilities for trading that would exist by quicker and more efficient transport once these rivers and canals are opened up by the use of steam and motor-driven vessels.

The present method, with but few exceptions, is by the use of man power on shallow draft wooden boats averaging 60 feet long and 12 feet wide. Two long oars called "Ughs" working on metal mushroom pins at the stern, one on each side, propel these vessels, each manned by four Chinese, male or female. They give these oars a peculiar twist in operation, which compares with the movements of a steam-driven propeller. Their speed under normal conditions is about 15 miles per day.

They also operate similar boats with a flat bottom, fitted with a stern wheel entirely of wood, which is made to revolve by a number of Chinese stepping on wood blocks attached to the sides of the axle turning the wheel—on the treadmill principle.

This particular class of vessel is principally used on shallow draft rivers and canals, and many are noticed daily winding their way from Ichang up the gorges to Chungking, a somewhat dangerous trip to make on account of the strong currents. The river between these two places is barely 90 yards wide, with very high mountains on either side. To give some idea as to the strong current here, it is interesting to note that it takes ten to twelve days to reach Chungking, but only two days to return from there to Ichang.

Recently steel shallow draft steamboats of the stern wheel type have been operated on this river with success, and doubtless as time goes on the old-fashioned boat will disappear.

In wooden boats no metal of any description is used in their manufacture, even the nails being of wood. Every boat built is constructed with watertight compartments down to the small "Sampans" carrying one or two passengers.

On the Yangtze-Kiang river, as far as Hankow, large commodious river steamers operate daily from Shanghai. They are somewhat similar in appearance to vessels used on the Hudson.

There is also a large coast service of small but well-equipped steamers owned and operated by foreign and Chinese companies.

The Chinese as sailors and navigators are good, although their navigating instruments are home-made and crude. They venture to sea on long voyages on their large sea-going wooden junks. These trips are sometimes two or three months in duration. Their large bamboo masts elate in the opposite direction to ours—that is, at a forward angle of about 30 degrees forward instead of having a rake aft. The sails are fastened to long bamboos in the shape of blinds and are easily hauled up or stowed and reefed. The stern of these is built up very high in comparison to the bow and gives them the appearance of the ancient "galley." There are hundreds of thousands of

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mr. George Gray, the Australian billiard champion, who is now in Hongkong, will proceed to Java and then to Australia. Mr. Gray's return visit to Shanghai was a short one and consequently no opportunity was offered for a repetition of his prowess on the green cloth. His biggest break made during his Eastern tour was 225 at Nagasaki.

In a strongly worded telegram to Peking demanding the pay of the Chinese Navy for February and March, the Commander-in-Chief and several commanders state that, unless this is forthcoming, it is feared that there will be a mutiny. Peking is asked to allot a special fund for the purpose of paying the Navy regularly in future and to purchase the necessary rations.

The trade agreement signed with the Russian representatives may lead to a little more activity in shipping for that quarter, but any big move is out of the question. British ships are guaranteed proper treatment while in Russian ports, and our own Government for its own part undertakes to give Russian ships the rights of free navigation such as are enjoyed by other nations. The Russian market should prove a valuable one for metals, cloth, machinery, motors and things like that, while coal should have a look in; but spinin is very divided about the prospect of us getting grain from Russia for another year or two. The "bursting corn bins" seem to have vanished and some grain people hold that Russia will not be able to export grain in any quantity for at least two years.

There is nothing new about the proposal by the Ministry of Transport to put up road lighthouses at dangerous corners on the same system as lighthouses for mariners. The strange part about the proposal is that the apparatus so used is that made by the Swedish firm, known as the G.A.C., when equally good appliances are on the market by British firms. The flashing acetylene light has now been brought to such a point of perfection that it can be counted on to work for twelve months without human attention. This has practically eliminated the human element in lighthouses and lightships. Now that road transport has increased so enormously the adoption of flashing or coloured lights at dangerous corners and crossings is of great importance. The pioneer firm in the manufacture of automatic acetylene lights is Messrs. Collier and Co., 46, Kingsway, London, and the company that provides the dissolved acetylene for most of the navigation lights of the country is the old-established firm of Messrs. Allen Liveridge, Ltd., also of London. Both these British companies have played a big part in developing the safety factor in navigation and in road transport, and have produced automatic appliances for lighting that are a source of wonder and admiration to those who have seen them working.

These junks sailing in Chinese waters, and not a single metal nail is used throughout their entire construction. Such a boat has a large population, at times running into three generations, as it is the custom in China for the children to care for their parents in their old age. Most of these people are born afloat and will die without ever knowing what it means to live on shore. While civilization has made some progress everywhere else, it touches China very slowly, and present customs, most of them, in many instances were in vogue 2,000 years ago.

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"BELLEROPHON"	24th June	Genoa, M'Is, L'pool & Glasgow

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(via Kobe and Yokohama)		
"PROTEUS"	4th May	Victoria, Seattle and Vancouver
"TRUCER"	25th May	Victoria, Seattle and Vancouver
"TALTHYBIUS"	15th June	Victoria, Seattle and Vancouver

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INWARD MAILS.

From	For	Time
LONDON (Parcels only 2nd Mar.)	Hector	
Japan	Hakata Maru	
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Shanghai	Yingchow	
EUROPE via Suez (Letters and Newspapers London 31st Mar.)	Havana Maru	
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OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Time
MONDAY, MAY 2.	
Swatow and Wuchow	Kowhung 4 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea 4 p.m.
Amoy	Hong Bee 5 p.m.
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Swatow and Bangkok	Teopao 5 p.m.
Saigon, Australia and New Zealand via Suez, Registration 9.45 a.m.	
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